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BUSH SET FOR POLL KICKING ON IRAQ WAR

PRESIDENT George W Bush faced a kick in the ballots last night with counting under way in the US mid-term elections.

Voting was on a knife-edge for seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Democrats were hoping for major gains, which would weaken the Republican President's final two years in the White House.

They looked certain to gain the 15 seats they need to take control in the House of Representatives.

In the Senate they need six seats for a majority.

Voters were also choosing 36 state governors.

The growing unpopularity of Mr Bush's Iraq policies

■ by ANTHONY WALTON

has become a key factor. Polls were open until 4am UK time in western states such as California.

Bush, with wife Laura at his side, cast his vote early at a fire station in Crawford, near his Texas ranch. He urged others to "do your duty, cast your ballot and let your voice be heard".

Democrat ex-President Bill Clinton and his wife, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, voted in New York, where Mrs Clinton is expected to win a second term.



DUTY CALLS: Bush and his wife Laura go to the polls

BLAIR MUSLIM GUARD IS AXED

Armed cop fails terror check

AN armed Muslim bobby has been removed from a unit guarding leading figures including Tony Blair.

He failed a counter terrorism check after it emerged two of his young sons attended a mosque associated with an imam with suspected links to an extremist group.

Firearms specialist Amjad Farooq, 39, had been transferred to the Diplomatic Protection Group, which guards top officials

■ by PAUL MALLEY

such as the Prime Minister. But after six weeks in the job a Special Branch detective chief superintendent told him he had failed a security check.

Searched

Officers told him this was because his two sons, aged nine and 11, had attended their local mosque, which was linked to a suspected Islamic extremist preacher.

Pc Farooq says that when he

went to collect his belongings from the Diplomatic Protection Group HQ he was taken to a basement room and searched. He has appealed against the decision and begun race and religious discrimination employment tribunal claims.

Last night Inayat Bunglawala, of the Muslim Council of Great Britain, said "smear and innuendo" had taken the place of "hard evidence".

At his employment tribunal Pc Farooq is expected to claim his colleagues made reference to the possibility of him being posted to the US Embassy by saying: "What will the American secret service make of him when he turns up there?"

In an official statement Scotland Yard said: "The decisions that the Met have taken in this particular case are entirely proportionate, defensible and justified."

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VEILS ROW PEACE BID

THE President of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal has been called in to settle a row between a lawyer and a judge who asked her to remove her veil in court.

Legal executive Shabnam Mughal, 27, was appearing at an immigration tribunal hearing in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Monday when she refused to uncover her face after being asked to do so twice by Judge George Glossop.



LATEST VICTIM: Squaddie Jamie Hancock, 19, of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment died after being hit by small arms fire in Basra, Iraq, yesterday.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

3 6 11 16 17 23 27

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 4

17 30 33 40 42 43 34

One ticket scooped the £8.4m jackpot
Dream Number: 6-8-4-1-8-3-0. No £500,000 winners
T'ball: 2, 4, 8, 18, 33 (T'ball 10). No £250k T'ball winners

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 1

9 13 14 20 31 35 32

No tickets matched the £2.7m jackpot
Dream Number: 1-9-0-3-6-7-0. No tickets won £500,000.
T'ball: 5, 13, 17, 24, 31. (T'ball 10). One ticket won £250,000.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY NOV 3

11, 13, 24, 44, 49

Lucky Star Numbers 3, 9

No ticket won the £88.3m jackpot

'Lazy Poles love UK'

BRITAIN is a "destination of choice" for "feckless" Poles who have ended up jobless and homeless here, according to their President Lech Kaczynski.

And he accused some of his fellow-countrymen of claiming unemployment benefits at home while "doing very nicely" working in the UK.

At a meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London, Mr Kaczynski stressed his gratitude to the UK for opening its labour market to Polish workers.

Mr Blair said the 230,000 Poles registered to work here since 2004 were generally "well regarded" by Britons and their presence benefited the UK.

STAR NEWS

Happy Birthday

American pie star Tara Reid is celebrating her 31st birthday today.



Thought for day

Borrow money from a pessimist, they don't expect it back.

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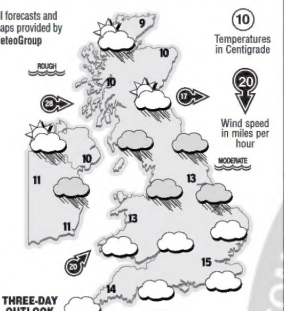
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Northern England and north Wales will be wet. South Wales and southern England will be cloudy with patchy rain. Scotland will be bright with showers in the west. Northern Ireland will brighten up once rain clears.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, northern Scotland will have showers. Other areas will have sunny spells. On Friday, rain will edge across northern areas. Further south, it will be dry and bright.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday Fair

Friday Showers

Saturday Showers

POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.33 dollars
Canada	2.05 dollars
Cyprus	0.82 pounds
Czech Republic	38.34 korunas
Mexico	18.34 pesos
South Africa	13.04 rand
Thailand	62.34 baht
Turkey	2.60 new lira
United States	1.82 dollars

EURO

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Spain € 1.42

ABROAD

Alicante	rain	19c (66f)	Moscow	snow	-3c (27f)
Corfu	sunny	18c (64f)	N York	sunny	13c (55f)
Dublin	cloudy	13c (55f)	Nice	sunny	18c (64f)
L.A.	fair	30c (86f)	Paris	fog	4c (39f)
Madrid	fair	30c (86f)	Rhodes	fair	17c (63f)
Malaga	fair	23c (73f)	Rome	sunny	18c (64f)
Miami	cloudy	20c (70f)	Tenerife	sunny	22c (72f)

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NATTERING Natasha loves chatting on the phone. Whether she's gossiping with mates or catching up on family news, the 22-year-old from Norwich spends loads of time on the blower. Now she'd like to widen her circle of phone friends by having a chinwag with YOU. Call our hotline below to find out all about the blonde chatterbox.

Natasha

DANIEL IS LICENSED TO SWELL

007 whipped in the privates

EXCLUSIVE by MARK JEFFERIES

HUNKY Daniel Craig has revealed that his secret weapon took a battering as he filmed new 007 movie Casino Royale.

The naked actor, 38, is seen being tied to a chair and whipped in the privates by baddie Le Chiffre.

Camera trickery meant the rope was not actually supposed to make contact with Bond's bits. But a cock-up left him exposed – and screaming in agony. Instead of hitting the seat under the chair, a split in the wood meant the rope hit his tender parts.

Craig, above right, said: "We had a hard bottom on the chair, but it cracked and the rope went through."

"I just jumped like eight feet in the air shouting: 'Stop!' I left the room rather hastily."

Craig had to be dosed up with painkillers before he could carry on filming. But it wasn't the only scene that left him needing medical treatment.

Bruises

He said: "Because of all the running involved, I picked up a lot of strained muscles and bruises."

"It hurt! I wouldn't classify myself as a professional athlete in any way, but now I understand a little bit more about how athletes are constantly working through pain."

"I had black eyes, I had cuts, I was bruised, I had muscle strains and I took a lot of painkillers."

"But then if you don't get bruised playing Bond, you're not doing it properly."

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Star, the star also hit back at critics who have predicted he will flop as James Bond.

He raged: "See the f**king movie first and then you can say what you like about it. I am not getting involved in any tit-for-tat arguments about the way I look."

Craig also confirmed that he has signed a three-film contract as Bond, so we'll see him at least twice more in the role.

Casino Royale also features Mads Mikkelsen, 40, as evil Le Chiffre. It hits UK cinemas on November 16.

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BOND'S STIRRING ROLL



BOND movie Casino Royale has already set a new world record – for the most "cannon rolls" performed in a car.

The amazing stunt was performed by expert Adam Kirley, doubling up for Bond in his Aston Martin. The car rolled seven times, with a nitrogen cannon used to propel it.

That beat the previous best of six, performed by a stuntman on TV show Top Gear last year. News of the record came ahead of Guinness World Record Day tomorrow, which will see the largest simultaneous kiss take place in Paris.

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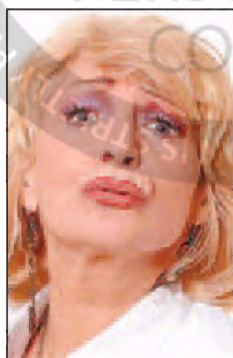
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WE'VE GOT THE

**Faith Brown**

Occupation: Comedienne / impersonator.
Age: 65.
Phobias: Heights, maggots.
Celebrity supporters: Ricky Tomlinson, Christopher Biggins.
Special skills: Cooking, being motherly.
Quote: "Besides the boobs, I can be over the top."

**Jason Donovan**

Occupation: Recording artist, actor, ex-Neighbours star.
Age: 38.
Supporters: Partner Angela, children Jemma, 6, and Zac, 5.
Fears and phobias: Desperate celebrities, saying something he shouldn't.
Skills: Cooking, building.
Quote: "My attitude if there are egos in there is to say 'This is how we do things in Australia - if you don't like it, f--- off!'"

**Jan Leeming**

Occupation: Ex-newsreader and TV presenter.
Age: 64.
Celebrity supporters: Sir Trevor McDonald, Kate Adie.
Fears and phobias: Creepy crawlies, hypocrites.
Special skills: Looking after cheetahs, reading news programmes.
Quote: "I may be looking at things through rose-coloured spectacles."

**Matt Willis**

Occupation: Recording artist / singer. Former member of boy-band Busted.
Age: 23.
Celebrity supporter: Girlfriend Emma Griffiths from MTV.
Fears and phobias: Rats and "any weird s---t".
Skills: Singing, speaking out of turn.
Quote: "I don't know what to do about anything ... I am not prepared."



by MARK JEFFERIES

JUNGLE bosses have vowed to make this year's I'm A Celebrity the most stomach-churning yet.

The show's famous Bushtucker Trials - which help pull in 10 million-plus viewers - will be more revolting than ever.

One unlucky celeb could even be forced to chew on a kangaroo's willy. And the sight of that might almost make up for the Z-list line-up that was revealed last night.

Only singer Mylene Klass and Footballers' Wives star Phina Oruche merit the show's "celebrity" tag.

Instead of the usual 14 days in the Aussie jungle, the series has been extended to three weeks. And bosses say it will not only be longer, it will also be far more disgusting.

Referring to one of last year's trials that had winner Carol Thatcher, 53, close to tears, executive producer Richard Cowles said: "It's difficult to beat eating a kangaroo's testicle - but we have found something worse."

"All I can reveal is that it is another part of a 'roo."

He and show hosts Ant, 30, and Dec, 31, also have a few new tricks up their sleeves. It's thought the contestants could be split into teams.

Mr Cowles said: "The celebrities have always felt that the one thing they had on their side in camp was each other. But this year there won't necessarily be safety in numbers."

Weapon

"There is one big, never-before-seen surprise for the celebs - and whether it's a welcome one remains to be seen."

Bookies are already rating former Neighbours star Jason Donovan as 2-1 favourite to win.

But Daily Star favourite Mylene is not far behind at 5-1. And she's got a secret weapon that could have viewers panting for more.

She's splashed out thousands of pounds on sexy lingerie and designer bikinis to help her win the battle of the babes with Phina.

But both girls have been hit by a crackdown from show bosses. They've been told they can only pack two bikinis and three sets of undies.

A source close to Mylene said: "Designers Rigby and Peller have specially made her some saucy stuff for the jungle. It's very sexy. I'm sure lots of male viewers will be impressed."

Phina is a lowly 10-1 shot to win but fans will be hoping she gets all hot and steamy in the jungle. The actress says she hasn't had sex for two years.

She is hoping to show viewers the real her, saying: "I'm not just a glossy diva in a mini-skirt. People either really, really, really like me or are really, really, really frightened of me. It depends how I use my gob."

Meanwhile Mylene admitted she was terrified of encountering some of the jungle creepy-crawlies, as well as being scared of heights.

She said: "I am a wuss! A Bushtucker Trial on a high wire with a snake is going to be carnage!"

● **I'm A Celebrity kicks off on ITV1 at 9pm on Monday.**

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**Lauren Booth**

Occupation: Journalist, ex-model. Half-sister of Tony Blair's wife Cherie.
Age: 39.
Celebrity supporters: Tony Blair and Cherie Booth.
Phobias: Spiders.
Special skills: Motivating, enthusiasm, burping.
Quote: "I am sure Tony will be saying: 'Eat maggots, eat maggots!'"

**David Gest**

Occupation: Theatre impresario and former husband of Hollywood legend Liza Minnelli.
Age: 48.
Celebrity supporters: Jane Russell, Tito Jackson, Smokey Robinson.
Fears and phobias: Snakes, not eating from china plates.
Special skills: Entertaining, speaking 10 languages, tanning.
Quote: "There's no waiters in the jungle? How am I gonna cope?"

**Toby Anstis**

Occupation: Radio and TV presenter.
Age: 35.
Celebrity supporters: Jamie Theakston and Harriet Scott from Heart FM.
Fears and phobias: Heights and sharks.
Special skills: Dancing, talking.
Quote: "If anyone wants anything done... I will be up for doing it!"

**Scott Henshall**

Occupation: Fashion designer.
Age: 30.
Celebrity supporters: Princess Tamara, Jasmine Lennard, Paris Hilton, Kylie Minogue.
Fears and phobias: Cockroaches, stereotypes.
Special skills: Designing and styling, loyalty, bitchiness.
Quote: "I'm very particular. I love my food hot, and I like it when I want it."

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RETCH FACTOR

Phina Oruche

Occupation: Actress, best known as Liberty Baker in Footballers' Wives, and writer. Also played Cyberbabe in Torchwood.
Age: 31.
Celebrity Supporters: Sinitta, the casts of Footballers' Wives and The Bill.

Fears and phobias: Rodents, heights, Pete Burns.
Special skills: Leading, running, level-headedness.
Quote: "I am a big Scally, Scouse, chips and gravy, wake up to a full English breakfast kind of chick. I am a big fat eater."



Myleene Klass

Occupation: Musician, TV and radio presenter.
Age: 28.
Celebrity supporters: Andi Peters, Lauren Laverne, her former Hear'say bandmates.
Fears and phobias: The dark, spiders, snakes, heights, messiness.
Special skills: Doing hair, playing the piano, talking.
Quote: "Who can say on their death bed: 'I did it all'? I want to be able to say that!"

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One letter spells sci-fi and sensation

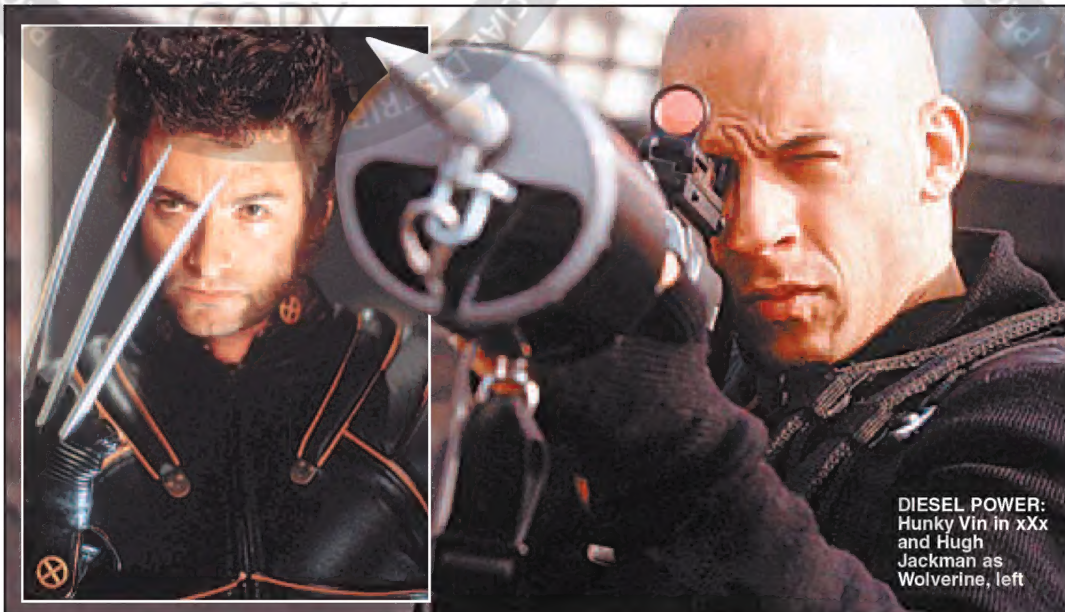
BRILLIANT, secret or just plain weird - if there's an X in the name it's something special.

Whether it's The X Files, XXXX beer or just X marks the spot, this is a letter apart.

So what gives the 24th letter of the alphabet its X-Factor?

We looked at examples - from Star Wars to comics - to find out what the X is going on.

WHAT THE X GOING ON?



DIESEL POWER: Hunky Vin in xXx and Hugh Jackman as Wolverine, left

X FACTOR is now the Simon Cowell-masterminded TV show (also starring Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh) which aims to find star-quality singers. But the phrase originally meant the part of a serviceman's pay to make up for the discomfort of forces life.

X-MEN - comic-turned-film detailing the adventures of mutants with special powers.

X-WING Fighter - Star Wars show (also starring Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh) which aims to find star-quality singers. But the phrase originally meant the part of a serviceman's pay to make up for the discomfort of forces life.

GENERATION X (i) - Novel by Douglas Coupland discussing angst felt by those reaching adulthood in the 1980s and 90s. Films like Reality Bites, starring Winona Ryder, 35, and Ben Stiller, 40, were aimed at that generation.

GENERATION X (ii) - Punk band fronted by Billy Idol, 50. Big hit was Valley of the Dolls (1979).

GENERATION X (iii) - Children born at the

by **NADINE LINGE**

peak of the post-World War II baby boom. As teens they admitted they had sex before marriage, didn't believe in God and had no respect for their parents or the Queen.

BRAND X - Advertisers' phrase for rival product, usually inferior.

X-WING Fighter - Star Wars starfighter used by the Galactic Alliance and Jedi. Armed with four laser cannons, missile launchers and deflector shielding.

PLANET X - Astronomers' name for hypothetical planet far past Pluto.

XMAS - Christmas. The "mas" part is from Anglo-Saxon word Christemasse, a religious festival.

X-CERTIFICATE - British Board of Film Censors gave it to adult-only films until it was replaced by 18 certificate in 1982.

XBOX - Microsoft games console launched in 2001 had sold 24 million by June 2006 - less than Sony PlayStation 2, but more than Nintendo GameCube.

X-FILES - Hit 90s TV show starring David Duchovny, 46, as alien-hunter Fox Mulder and Gillian Anderson, 38, as FBI agent Dana Scully. Catchphrase: "The truth is out there."

xXx - 2002 movie starring hunky Vin Diesel, 39, as extreme sports star Xander Cage.

XXXX - Aussie Castlemaine beer. The name is a throwback to the practice of using X letters to indicate ale's quality. Slogan "I couldn't give a four-x" became a euphemism for swearing.

X MARKS THE SPOT - Location of treasure on pirate's map or scene of a crime in a plan or photo.

MALCOLM X - The African-American activist changed his name from Little in 1952 to signify his original name had been lost in slavery.

XZIBIT - US rapper, 32, who collaborated with Dr Dre, 41, on Bitch Please single and released Full Circle album last month.

X - In 48-year-old Madonna's Kabbalah faith it refers to both birth and death.

televisionX - UK's fave adult channel on Sky and cable, the best place to see the UK's hottest babes, including Big Brother's sexy Nikki, 24, and Aisleyne, 27.

X - Roman numeral for 10. When there's a horizontal line above, it means 10,000.

X - Sci-fi film classic with Ray Milland as mad scientist Dr James Xavier who invents eyedrops giving X-ray vision.

XXX - Three little kisses. But don't put them on e-mails ... they can be picked by anti-porn filtering software.

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says

Let them rot in jail

BLOODTHIRSTY terrorist Dhiren Barot was yesterday given a sentence of at least 40 years.

It's a long spell in jail - and we applaud that. But it begs the question: What do criminals have to do to get a real LIFE sentence in Britain?

Killers, rapists and paedophiles already know they can end or ruin lives and face little more than a spell of eight or 12 years in prison.

In America, killers get the electric chair and a terrorist like Barot would be executed.

In Spain, the Madrid Bombers will rot to death in their prison cells as they serve sentences of tens of thousands of years.

Justice for Saddam Hussein means the noose.

But in soft-touch Britain, Barot can count down the days until his release, or pray for the kind of political wind change that saw IRA murderers freed decades early.

The Year 2046 might seem a long way off. But Barot must never be released - except into the hands of the hangman.

Marks on the march

CONGRATULATIONS to High Street store Marks & Spencer, which has seen its biggest rise in profits in almost a decade.

And the secret of its success? Giving the British public exactly what they want - a top-quality product at a reasonable price.

No longer boring and stuffy, the store's rails of clothes are filled with the latest fashions made for real women of all ages, rather than for stick-thin teenagers.

And the fantastic ad campaign - starring the likes of Lizzie Jagger and Twiggy - has given the store a much-needed sense of glamour and fun.

The revamp was masterminded by chief executive Stuart Rose - and he certainly deserves top Marks for his efforts.

I spy agony

NEW 007 Daniel Craig suffered a painful injury to his special agent during filming of Casino Royale.

Word has it that, afterwards, Craig's Bond girl was left shaken but not stirred.



MAX FACTOR: Si, right, and friends



BOX OF TRICKS: Microsoft's hit console



NINETIES HIT: Duchovny and Anderson

Torment and tears at the funeral of gassed holiday children

AGONY: Dad Neil carries his daughter's coffin into church as mum Sharon holds hands with Neil's new partner Ruth, far right



Pictures: TONY FISHER

DEATH HOL DAD COLLAPSES WITH GRIEF

■ by JERRY LAWTON
POISON gas tragedy dad Neil Shepherd broke down in tears yesterday after carrying his children's tiny coffins at their funeral.

His daughter Christianne, seven, and son Robert, six, were suffocated in their Greek holiday bungalow beds by carbon monoxide poisoning from a faulty boiler.

Car spares company boss Neil, 38, and his teacher partner Ruth Beatson, 27, were left comatose and fighting for life 13 days ago, but recovered after hospital treatment on Greek holiday island Corfu.

Yesterday Neil battled to contain his emotions as he carried Christianne's oak coffin into St John's Church, near the family's home in Wakefield, West Yorks, as a single bell tolled.

Gripped

Tears streamed down his face as he then carried Robert's 4ft casket from the church to two waiting funeral cars after a 35-minute service for 250 mourners.

As Amazing Grace rang out from the bell tower he passed the coffin to undertakers to put into one of two hearses.

Seconds after letting little Robert go for the final time his grief

gripped him as he collapsed in Ruth's arms - pain etched across his face. The couple clung to each other as the tears flowed.

Some onlookers were so overcome by the sudden outpouring of emotion they turned away.

The children's dance teacher mum Sharon, 35, who had decorated the children's bedrooms as a surprise for their return from a half-term holiday with their dad, wept and was comforted by new husband Paul Wood, 36.

Neil and Paul united to carry the coffins, while Ruth and Sharon left church holding hands. Both

couples travelled to the burial in the same car.

School cook Gail Beckley, 52, who had waited outside the church to pay her respects, said: "You expect to come back from holiday with happy memories - not losing your two children. It's something they'll never get over."

Mourners were handed an order of service bearing pictures of Christianne and Robert. One showed them as tots - with Christianne laughing at her baby brother. A recent snap showed them playing with their pet cat.

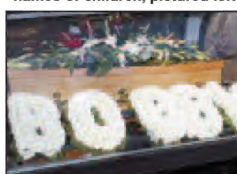
Bishop of Pontefract the Rt Rev Tony Robinson said: "Life is a fragile thing, and when these things happen we need to stick side by side and offer love and support."

Five hotel staff and a Thomas Cook official have been charged with manslaughter.

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TRIBUTE: Chrysanthemums spell names of children, pictured left



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TERROR MANIAC GIVEN 40 YEARS TO ROT IN A JAIL

■ by PAUL MALLEY
A BRITISH al-Qaida fanatic who plotted mass murder was caged for at least 40 years yesterday.

Evil Dhiren Barot, 34, was arrested just weeks before unleashing his plan to kill thousands in terror attacks in Britain and the US.

The once normal Brit schoolboy who turned crazed Muslim convert aimed to hit major landmark buildings as well as blowing up a Tube train under the Thames.

The masterplan would have caused "carnage, bloodshed and butchery" on a "colossal and unprecedented scale", said Mr Justice Butterfield as he jailed Barot for life, ordering him to serve a minimum of 40 years.

Passing the sentence – one of the toughest ever imposed by a British court – the judge added: "Your intention was to murder, but it went further. It was designed to strike at the very heart of democracy and the security of the state."

If Barot had succeeded, "it would have affected thousands personally, millions indirectly and ultimately the whole nations of the US and the UK," the judge added at London's Woolwich Crown Court.

Security sources described Barot, of Kingsbury, north-west London, as one of the most senior al-Qaida terrorists they had caught.

Scotland Yard's anti-terror chief Deputy Assistant



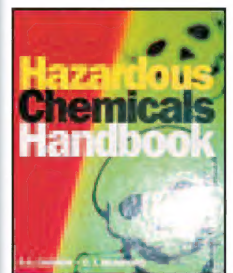
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CAGED: Would-be mass murderer Dhiren Barot and, top, his detailed notes on plans for an explosion



CLUE: One of Barot's books

Commissioner Peter Clarke said: "If anyone thinks Barot was some sort of loner on a sole mission, they are wrong."

"There is no shadow of a doubt that he is a dedicated, long-term, highly-skilled murderer."

Barot was arrested in 2004 after a surveillance operation by MI5 when police decided he was simply too dangerous to leave on the streets any longer.

Edmund Lawson QC, prosecuting, told the court: "The evidence is that the conspirators were in the final stages of implementing the conspiracy."

"Barot's arrest frustrated the plan and but for the police intervention it is likely it would have happened."

The court had heard how police found computer files, detailed notes and books revealing the plans.

Barot admitted conspiracy to carry out murder in the UK and US – the first Brit Muslim to admit plotting a mass casualty terror attack in this country.

He showed no emotion as the judge said: "You trained for years in Pakistan to wreak indiscriminate death and destruction on the Western world."

After the case Tony Blair's official spokesman said the Prime Minister welcomed the fact that a threat to national security had been dealt with.

Seven other men, who deny involvement, are due to stand trial next year.

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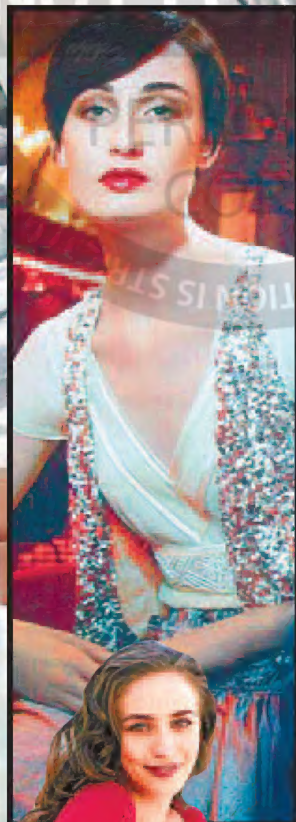
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THIGH STREET



Leggy beauties send M&S sales through the roof

UNDIE HER SPELL: Sexy Noemie Lenoir has lured people back to M&S stores

STUNNING models Lizzie Jagger, Laura Bailey and Erin O'Connor have sent profits soaring at Marks & Spencer.

Its sizzling ad campaign has boosted the fortunes of the once-ailing store group to an amazing £405 million.

That's a 32.2% rise and the highest in almost a decade.

Fashion-conscious women had written off the High Street giant as boring and frumpy.

But that all changed with the stylish commercials showed gorgeous Lizzie, 22, Laura, 33, Erin, 28 and 1960s icon Twiggy, 57, wearing the latest ranges around London.

Curvy

Brits also stormed back through the doors after seeing curvy French beauty Noemie Lenoir, 26, stripping down to the shop's red-hot undies.

And its posh food range has become more popular thanks to 35-year-old Ballykissangel star Dervla Kirwan's sultry ads with the catchphrase: "This is not just food, this is M&S food."

Pop icon Bryan Ferry, 61, has also helped

by NADINE LINGE

raise the firm's profile by modelling its menswear.

The group has seen an amazing 19m more visits to its stores thanks to the campaign, estimated to have cost £62m.

But chief executive Stuart Rose yesterday said the investment was worth it - with clothes like the £35 jersey dress worn

by 62-year-old Sir Mick Jagger's daughter Lizzie becoming massive sales successes. Rose, 57,



MALE ORDER: Bryan Ferry models M&S menswear

said: "It flew out of the stores. It flew so quickly we didn't even see it. The important news is that it is converting into more sales."

"If we continue at that level I shall be pretty pleased. We believe we are well positioned for the all-important Christmas period."

Now some experts are predicting M&S will post full-year profits of £1 billion for only the third time ever.

Profits

Back in 2001 sales were flagging at £145.5m.

But the store chain is currently the UK's largest clothing retailer.

David Bulk of analysts Cantor Index, said: "Could M&S make £1bn profits in a year? It can't be ruled out."

The group's &more credit card is likely to become even bigger, with glam 60s-style ads starring supermodel Jodie Kidd, 28, currently on the telly.

Mr Rose is also planning a shake up of its stores, ploughing hundreds of millions into the scheme.

The Star says:

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TOP MARKS: Lizzie Jagger and, top, Erin O'Connor, who star in the stylish ads for the booming High Street giant

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More bacon

More red onion

More cheese

Another half-pound beef

Gourmet sauce

Freshly baked bun

A GUT-BUSTING 6,000-calorie "quadruple by-pass" burger brought a new threat to the world's waistslines yesterday.

It went on the menu at the aptly-named Heart Attack Grill - whose motto is "Taste Worth Dying For".

And wannabe Homer Simpsons can guzzle it down complete with a big dish of Flatliner Fries, cooked in pure lard.

News of the mighty grease mountain came a day after Burger King was blasted in the UK for selling its Double Whopper under the slogan: "Are you man enough?"

That's a mere 1,000 calories. But

by NIGEL PAULEY

gut-bucket Yanks are queuing up - and risking a coronary - to sample the American masterpiece at the restaurant in the small desert town of Tempe, Arizona.

It contains an artery-clogging 2lb of beef, plus layers of fat-laden cheese and bacon.

Saucy

And if that itself isn't enough to make you keel over clutching your chest, the scantily-clad waitresses - known as nurses - might just finish off the job as they set pulses racing.

The Heart Attack Grill even offers a valet wheelchair service with one

of the saucy nurses pushing customers back to their cars.

Scotty Daniels, 28, from Phoenix, who sampled the quadruple by-pass for lunch, said: "I must have been mad to try it - I really needed that wheelchair service afterwards."

Policeman Michael Johnson had a double by-pass burger - half the size - and said: "It hasn't killed me, so next time I'm going for the biggie."

A Heart Attack Grill spokesman admitted that none of the "nurses" actually had any medical training.

But one customer, Riley Murray, moaned: "I believe in survival of the fittest, so I'm thinking that most of the customers will be dying off in the next couple of weeks!"

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DISHES OF THE DAY: Three of the waitresses who help the Heart Attack Grill live up to its name by raising the blood pressure of burger-bingeing diners even further

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Shocked jury watch hotel plunge daughter give evidence on video

by CAMERON MILLAR

A CHESS prodigy who died in a plunge from a hotel balcony yesterday accused her dad of constantly raping her - from beyond the grave.

A hushed court saw Jessie Gilbert telling police on video how her dad crept into her bed for sex from when she was just eight.

The gifted youngster who wanted to go to Oxford University and become a doctor, died aged 19 in July after falling eight floors during a chess tournament in the Czech Republic.

But Jessie, who won the World Women's Amateur Chess title at just 11, had earlier given police a harrowing account of how her dad - Ian Gilbert, 48 a Royal Bank of Scotland director - put his hands over her mouth and undid her clothes.

Scared

The jury heard it was just one of a string of sex attacks by her "controlling bully" father, driving her to her first suicide bid two years ago.

Jessie claimed he first attacked her the night before a family holiday to Cornwall.

She said: "I was asleep and he came in and sat on the bed. He said to not say anything, he put his hand over my mouth. Then he took off the trousers of my pyjamas and raped me. I didn't scream



ACCUSED: Dad Ian Gilbert

because he had his hand over my mouth and I was scared."

Visibly upset jurors at Guildford Crown Court heard Jessie saying that her sisters were in their bedrooms and her mum was downstairs.

She said he next abused her a year later and attacked her seven more times.

The court heard that each time he scared her into silence. Jessie said: "He said: 'I will kill you or one of your sisters if you tell anybody.'"

Asked why she had not made the allegations when interviewed in 2003, she replied: "I didn't want anyone to know. I still don't want my mum to know and I don't want my sisters to know."

In the second video interview, recorded in July 2004, Jessie said she had not seen him for over a year since a fight over a computer.

She told detectives he had tried to strangle her, adding: "I hate him and never wish to see him again."

She revealed her ordeal to pals in May 2004 after getting drunk. But they told their parents, who broke the news to Jessie's mum.

Days later she was rushed to hospital from her home in Walsingham, Surrey, after swallowing 200 pills. She later told police she had fully intended to take her own life.

Her dad and mum divorced and he remarried in 2004. He denies five counts of rape.

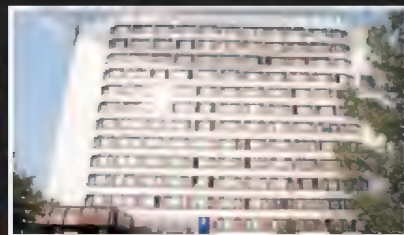
The trial continues.

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VIDEO CLAIMS: Jessie Gilbert alleges her dad assaulted her over five years. Right, the hotel where she died.



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EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

These guys don't mince words

SCOTLAND has the third highest murder rate in Western Europe. Second highest if you include songs and The MacDonald Brothers.

I was right again about Saturday's X Factor. They were awful. And they still got through.

They are basically this year's Conway Sisters – the awful band that refuses to die because of misplaced nationalistic fervour. Seriously, if all the people voting for the MacDonald Brothers REALLY want to do something good for the country (because they sure as hell aren't voting for musical reasons), then they should stop their kids eating so many sweets or something.

How to sleep on the job...

WHAT'S all this about sexathons? You're nobody in the celebrity world, it would seem, unless you're having one.

Pete Tourette's from Big Brother seems to have them all the time with that fringing girlfriend of his. The latest was 72 hours. Now I'm sorry, but that just can't be true. Maybe it's because I do breakfast radio and have three kids, so sleep is the most precious substance in the world, but – while I've had some extremely pleasant sex in my life – none of it is nearly as good as eight hours in the land of nod.

What they mean is that they spent 72 hours in the house. That's easily done, what with Sky plus, broadband, Xbox 360s and whatnot.

I reckon in a 72-hour sexathon, once you've deducted time for sleeping, eating, drinking, texting your mates naked pictures of each other, watching footie, playing Pro Evolution Soccer 6, getting crumbs out of the bed, having a poo, reading the paper (OK, you'll save time if you combine the last two), staring into space wondering how electricity works and brushing your teeth... you do it twice.

I love how this series of The X Factor has changed into an entirely different competition.

Perhaps aware that this really is a two-horse race between Leona and Ben, it has now become a wonderfully silly but amusing contest between Simon and Louis, with each trying to "out" the other the most.

On Saturday, as usual, Simon Cowell opened the scoring with his comment about how – with it being Abba night – Louis had an unfair advantage.

I can only imagine he was trying to insinuate that Louis was the kind of Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert-style screaming queen who liked to prance around in stiletto heels singing Mama Mia.

I'm sure you couldn't get further from the truth.

But then Louis Walsh fought back with the best line of the series so far, dedicating Eton Road's performance of Does Your Mother Know 'That You're Out to his high-trousered



rival. The look on Simon's face was priceless. It was Dalek-like in its cold, steely evil.

Mind you, it got even worse when Louis voted out Ashley. Even though it was the right decision – Robert sang his ass off in the playoff, while Ashley would be a star regardless of where he finished in the competition. So this will

obviously be the focus for the next few weeks, as they slowly weed out Nikkita, Robert and Ray.

Oh yes – Eton Road will get to the final, too. And is it just me or does the weird and wonderful one in that group look like Martine McCutcheon?

But if the show is simply going to feature Simon and Louis insinuating that the

other is gay, they might have to change the name.

They could do like Ant and Dec did and have a different gameshow for them to mince against each other every week.

It'll not be so much The X Factor as The Crystal Gays, Gladgaytors, Have I Got Ooohs For You and The Weakest Pink. Plus Mr And Mr.

DAM RIGHT TO HANG HIM?

SADDAM Hussein's going to swing. Sounds like the kind of line they might utter in Celebrity Tyrant X Factor, but in (real) reality it's what's going to happen to the world's most notorious bad guy.

Well, second most notorious – but we're not allowed to say that about Dubya Bush while his pal Tony's in power. And this is where it all gets slightly hypocritical.

Before the UK and America get too smugly holier-than-thou about the butcher's demise, let's remember that half the components required to make the chemical weapons he used with such gay abandon on the Kurds were supplied by the UK. And

for many years America backed his regime, because it was convenient when Iran were the bad guys.

While we all hope his execution might produce some kind of stability in New Iraq, it will probably lead to even more bloodshed, with the Sunnis from his hometown of Tikrit swearing that he will be avenged.

Or will it? We don't really know. Just as when we invaded Iraq, we didn't know it would end up as the almighty cauldron of hell it is today. But here's what we DO know. Saddam Hussein is an evil man who has committed murder on an obscene scale. I've always believed justice is for the victims' relatives. And there won't be any of them who

will not cheer when they see Saddam twitching on the end of a rope.

WHAT are you doing on Friday? I'll tell you – you are going off to the pictures to see The Prestige.

Caught a press showing yesterday and it's got everything: Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman at their movie idol finest as rival magicians, Scarlett Johansson's pant in close-up, Michael Caine being brilliant because he's using his real accent and David Bowie being awful because he's not.

It has about a dozen big twists in it, the last of which is the most jaw-dropping since I watched Angel Heart and went: "I don't believe it! Robert de Niro is the Devil!"

B RITISH soldiers are being asked to knock off more than Iraqi insurgents these days. They're being asked to stand to attention to help solve an apparent shortage of sperm in Britain.

Sperm banks are running dry and fertility clinics are having to send for supplies from America, where unsurprisingly there appear to be far more w***ers than there are over here.

So privates of privates are needed urgently to replenish stocks. Which means that when an officer says his soldiers are coming for you, this time he really means it.

It's not just the Army who are being targeted. Other places in which men congregate are being bombarded with pleas by those desperate for

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deposits. Rugby clubs, for example. Hardly surprising, given the amount that's wasted during post-match drinking games.

Perhaps what they say about my countrymen being tight-fisted is true after all, because worst hit of all is Scotland – where it appears there is only one sperm donor in the whole country.

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WE'RE GOING TO LOTTS OF COUNTRIES!

by PAUL MALLEY

BRITAIN'S latest Lotto tycoon is off round the world with his £8.5million jackpot.

Builder Stephen Stannard, 46, and wife Julie, 42, are already planning their dream trip.

Stephen, who is now known by mates as Wad The Builder, said: "I can't wait to go on holiday with my family to places like Antarctica and Lapland."

"I also want to go to Australia and Canada and would like to travel around Europe as well - but in a motor home rather than hotels."

"We only earn £25,000 a year between us and this win will bring in £19,000 in interest a month alone."

Porsche

"But we will try to stay fairly normal. Having said that, I have now bought a £2,000 laptop - and a Porsche may come!"

The couple, from Worthing, west Sussex, didn't even bother with a posh meal to celebrate.

They went out for a Sunday roast, washed down by Diet Coke.

After being handed a cheque for £8,495,189 at the

£8.5m jackpot for 'Wad the Builder'

swanky Marriott Hotel near London's Westminster yesterday, the pair vowed: "The cash won't change us... much!"

Stephen spent £5 on Lucky Dips on Saturday morning. But he only realised he had won the next day.

He said: "It didn't feel real and I was extremely

worried about losing the ticket. I safety-pinned it to the top pocket of my shirt to keep it safe, but I could not relax until I knew the money was in the bank."

Stephen and Julie, who is a nursery nurse, have been married for 23 years and have two daughters, aged 11 and 14.

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GLOBE TROTTERS: Stephen and wife Julie plan to travel with their win

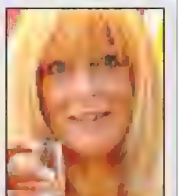
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£100m stampede

THERE'S more chance of Big Brother's Pete Bennett and Nikki Grahame being crowned King and Queen than you scooping the EuroMillions rollover on Friday - but that hasn't stopped a lotto stampede.

Sales are up fourfold as Brits queue to play for the £100million jackpot - even though you can get the same 76,000,000-1 odds of winning on a bet that Elvis will sing at the BRITs next year.

Dolores McNamara, 47, from Limerick, Ireland, won the draw's biggest prize last July, scooping an amazing £79m.



BIG WINNER: Dolores

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QUICKIE..



LORD save us. **Daniel Radcliffe's** quitting his broomstick flying to become the next Byron.

The Harry Potter star, 17, has just finished filming the fifth boy-wizard flick, and now wants to dedicate himself to poetry.

He said: "One day in the future I would like to focus more on writing poetry. I don't see myself going to university, though."

"I already know where I want to go." Well that rhymed, so it's a start.

QUICKIE..

ROD Stewart has gone wrong in his mind tank and decided to publicly give his blessing to daughter **Kimberly's** boob job.

The 61-year-old said of Kimberly, 27: "One of my daughters was a bit flat-chested so she had implants."

"She's got a lovely pair now. Nothing wrong with it, I reckon, if it does wonders for a girl's confidence."

Pete is a bad Goi

HE might be leaving his love affair with drugs behind but **Pete Doherty** is still obsessed with the imagery of his narco past.

The 27-year-old has risked his design contract with fashion label Goi-Goi by making his collection a homage to his druggy days. With a range of tourniquet bracelets, mirrored "coke" T-shirts and earrings made to resemble rolled-up bank notes, he's really angered the suits.

They've apparently ordered him to come up with something less controversial and more, well, stylish. We'll be expecting blood-spattered shirts within the month.

POSH'S FURY AT SKINNY CELEBS WEBSITE

DITA Von Teese looks bloody good – even though her flowing dress is inspired by infected blood.

The oddball, 34, dazzled guests at the Viva Glam Campaign against Aids at Madrid's Ritz Hotel.

But a few canapes were dropped when the missus of **Marilyn Manson**, 37, told how her outfit had been inspired by the terrible disease.

She said: "A friend said I had to wear this as it's a visual representation of the blood."

Let's hope nobody invites her to any Irritable Bowel Syndrome dos.



Grub pics eating away at Victoria

VICTORIA Beckham is leading the charge to scupper a website that ridicules the eating habits of celebs.

Or perhaps that should be non-eating – as that seems to be the beef that most of the super skinnies have with the site, celebrities-eating.com.

The satirical website draws simple pleasure from showing pictures of A-listers caught stuffing their faces.

But a recent idea to do a Solids Watch Diary has gone down like a round of toast and mash at a Hollywood dinner party.

The feature was intended to keep tabs on infamously spindly luminaries and the rare occasions that they're spotted eating grub.

But Posh, 32, thinks it's a terribly intrusive idea and has called her fellow size zeroes to arms to get the site to ditch the idea.

A source told us: "While celebs like **Nicole Richie** have responded to the interest in their eating habits by posing up with fat-

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laden grub, Victoria has gone on the offensive. She doesn't see the point in pretending to eat McDonald's to convince people that she enjoys a meal.

"Her point is that she's a fashion icon, so why on earth would she be pictured eating in public?"

"Victoria wasn't brought up to be so coarse and she's discussed this silly site with friends like **Elizabeth Hurley**."

"They've written to the, er, brains behind it to ask them to take a more responsible approach to illustrating eating habits."

Tiny

"Victoria is said to have contacted **Nicole Richie** because she's so worried about the poor girl being pictured with food props. She hopes this can be settled sensibly."

Posh, who has been promoting her new book *That Extra Half An Inch*, has proved to be the most elusive quarry on the website.

Since speculation about the tiny frame of **Richie**, 25, she has been constantly pictured with fast food.

Hurley, 41, was snapped neither eating nor contemplating a meal but instead checking a prize hog at a country fete.

Well, we wouldn't expect her to be caught masticating...



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HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?



Bob's just job for Brit

BRITNEY Spears washed that man right out of her hair – and added a dash of peroxide while she was at it.

She turned blonde after husband **Kevin Federline**, 28, failed to turn up for a hot date following his appearance on MTV's TRL show.

Brit, 24, above, jazzed up her newly spirogless bod in a raunchy red dress and fishnets to meet Kev.

But the scallywag – promoting his impossibly naff album in New York – stood up the mum-of-two, leaving her all dressed up with nowhere to go but the minibar, right.

Brit, below, showed him what he was missing the next day when she appeared with a blonde bob on 59-year-old **David Letterman**'s chat show.

The host asked: "Does Kev like the new hair?" She replied: "He hasn't seen it yet. But I know blondes have more fun."

Sounds like she found some way to fill the Federline-shaped void in his absence.



Picture: WENN



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TERRIBLE PARIS AD IS PANTS

JUST in case anybody hasn't seen **Paris Hilton**'s debut movie, *One Night in Paris*, the hair-head has given us a brief reminder of the assets that propelled her to fame.

The saucy socialite, 25, sat on a director's chair and flashed her bloomers in an advert for the forthcoming series of *The Simple Life*.

Proud

The cringeworthy commercial sees her joking about the sex tape leaked by her ex **Rick Salomon**, 38, saying: "I still forget I'm being filmed sometimes. So don't watch this with your parents."

However, it seems she will make an exception for her own unsavoury folks, who are inordinately proud of her X-rated video.

The family's biographer, **Jerry Oppenheimer**, explained: "**Rick** and **Kathy Hilton** are proud of everything Paris has done, including the video that launched her to this international stardom, infamy and fame. It is a bizarre family."



Picture: BETACOLEBS

You're nicked, Katie!

KATIE Holmes might be an arresting sight, but that doesn't mean **Tom Cruise** can treat her like a jailbird.

Perhaps the pint-sized actor's fiancée tried to do a runner after being handed the whopping food bill at the super-swish Wolfgang Puck restaurant in Beverly Hills.

Whatever the reason, Tom, 44, wasn't letting his wayward charge get away.

Zombie

So the poor poppet, 27, smiled in resignation at snappers – possibly trying to tap out "help" in Morse code with her free arm. Our man at the scene said: "It was a very peculiar sight."

"Katie was like a zombie. She just let Tom drag her around. And he clung onto her arm with both hands, as if it was a fleshy guitar. I'm sure a simple arm around the waist would have done the trick."

Sadly, we doubt Tom could reach that high.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH celeb lothario is worried that he's losing his touch in bed. He's always prided himself on being a prolific lover and was mortified when he failed to rise to the occasion. The poor sap has unwisely been crying on his friends' shoulders but what he didn't tell them is that it's a familiar old problem. He's suffered like this for years.

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IN London: **Angus Deayton** and his actor pal **Tim McInnerny** looking visibly moved by the music of **Antony and the Johnsons** at the Barbican; Popworld presenter **Alex Zane** playing with a puppy in the Hawley Arms in Camden; a puppy in the Hawley Arms in Camden; the comedian **Jimmy Carr** getting on the Northern Line at Angel in Islington.

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She said £15m more will be provided from next year.



Karate kid Matt's a hit

■ IT LOOKS like hunky Matthew Fox has Lost the plot as he throws some kung fu moves on an Hawaiian beach yesterday.

■ But don't worry, it's all an act as Matthew, 40, who plays dishy doc Jack in the

hit show, films scenes for the explosive new series. Fans of the drama will be kept in the dark if they don't have Sky after Channel 4 lost the rights to screen it. Sky are reportedly forking out £800,000 an episode.

'Lad had Miss in Porsche'

Room

"There is enough room if you put the seat back." The trial continues.

FOOTIE ARREST

PLYMOUTH Argyle's Dutch defender Marcel Seip, 24, was arrested on suspicion of affray after a brawl outside a city bar.

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Em pins hopes on top spot

OH baby! Sexy Strictly Come Dancing sweetie Emma Bunton shows all the right moves as she launches her new

album. The former Baby Spice releases Life In Mono on December 4 – in time for Christmas. And with legs like that on show, she's bound to climb straight to the No 1 spot.



FIT TO BUST: Jade

Jade's eating ordeal

BIG Brother star Jade Goody yesterday revealed she has beaten the eating disorder bulimia.

But she claims to have finally stopped starving herself and making herself sick.

Jade, 25, was admitted to hospital last week with an apparent serious stomach problem.

Now she believes she is fitter than ever and has lost nearly two stones.

She said: "This has been such a massive test for me, but the fact that I didn't make myself sick, take pills or starve myself over the past few weeks proves that I can beat it."

SPICE ONE



Posh and Co back Baby's chart battle

by NADINE LINGE

EMMA Bunton has brought the Spice Girls together in support of her bid to top the charts with the new Children in Need single.

Baby Spice, 30, has been swamped with phone calls and texts from her four former bandmates.

She's covering the Petula Clark classic Downtown and has roped in fellow celebs on Strictly Come Dancing for a saucy video.

But it could mean Strictly goes head to head with The X Factor for more than just ratings as both battle to win the Christmas No 1 spot.

Message

Emma was over the moon after Posh Spice Victoria Beckham, 32, recorded a message to wish her well on Strictly Come Dancing.

The singer said: "That was lovely. All the girls have been sending loads of text messages and flowers and are being really supportive."

"I've kept in touch with them and apparently they like watching as well. I absolutely love Strictly. It's been amazing."

In the video, out on November 20, Emma plays a scantily-clad maid at a 1960s hotel with DJ Spooky.

Peter Schmeichel, 42, Claire King, 43, and Carole Smillie, 40 also appear in the vid.

Emma added: "I've always loved Downtown."

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DANCE CLASS: Emma as a hotel maid with Spooky. Right, with her former chums in the Spice Girls



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WHERE did you get that smacker, Madge? The fact she had a whacking bruise on her cheek when she left her North London home yesterday. Madonna, 48, hid behind big dark glasses as she headed off to the gym. One onlooker said: "Who knows how she got the bruise? Maybe baby David is a bit of a bruiser and smacked her in the chops as he played."

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PHIL Collins and the Genesis lads have joined the boyband craze and reformed. The Turn It On Again tour will kick off in Helsinki next June and take in 12 different countries across Europe. **Kanye West** will probably fly over and see them, as he is a big Phil fan.

Personally, I rate his drumming, but Genesis make me think of carpet shops and feel drowsy.

THERE'S some bare knuckle boxing with Irish blokes on YouTube called Pikeys in Nikes. Totally unconnected, I see **U2/Green Day's** cover of The Saints. Are Coming is fighting it out with **Westlife's** The Rose for this week's No.1 single spot. At the moment, **Bono's** lads are behind by a few thousand, but the title's very much up for grabs. No biting, butting or blows to the groin, lads.

RETURN OF THE ZOMBIE

Wacko to re-stage Thriller video at London awards

MICHAEL Jackson is set to perform Thriller next week for the first time since it was proved he didn't molest kids.

Big, I know. So big, in fact, that I've chosen to scrap my "No Mike Jackson on the column" rule and tell you all about it.

He's performing at the World Music Awards at London's Earls Court next Wednesday.

And I have inside information which indicates that the prosthetics are coming

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out to recreate the horror masterpiece. My source told me: "All the dancers have been given the Thriller DVD and have been told to familiarise themselves with it."

"It's very difficult pinning his people down as he's a guarded man when it comes to giving out information."

"Other than the Thriller DVDs, all we've been told is he wants to remind everyone what Michael Jackson is all about - being the best entertainer on the planet."

Ghouls

Jacko hasn't actually appeared on stage in England publicly for nine years and 25 years after Thriller was released, I really hope he performs it again.

As a nipper, I remember being allowed to stay up late and watch him and his dancing ghouls in the mini-movie video.

If you think you've seen a better promo since, you've made a mistake.

Other big names appearing on the night include **Beyoncé Knowles**, 25, **Mary J Blige**, 36, **Usher**, 28 and **Gwen Stefani**, 37.

I've seen **Prince**, 48, **The Rolling Stones**, **Madonna**, 48, and most of the other stadium fillers but Mike is missing from that group.

Sadly, **Bob Marley**, **Elvis** and **Jimi Hendrix** will always remain on my "never seen them live" list.



BLOG

I HAVE blogged again - which sounds a bit naughty, doesn't it? At www.dailystar.co.uk/blog, you'll find numerous digs at PRs plus stuff on **Alesha Dixon**, **James Bond** and the gay one from **Westlife**. Just read it.

ME

And talking of

AS if big Mike coming back wasn't enough, there's a chance I'll be watching **Prince** coax tunes out of his guitar next week.

The little funk fella, right, will pick up a gong as he is inducted

into the UK Music Hall Of Fame on Tuesday night.

My man there said: "There is a guitar on standby for him and we've asked him to perform. He hasn't responded yet, but even

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